



MARIES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Join Us February 11th for the 2013 Forage & Beef Conference @ Cuba

Have you ever taken the opportunity to attend the Forage & Beef Conference? Since 1994, land-owners from mid-Missouri have come together to listen and ask questions from an excellent panel of speakers. This year's event will be held on Monday, February 11th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cuba. It begins with registration at 12:30 p.m. with the first speaker to

start at 1:00.

The entire list of speakers and topics is listed on page 3. Local vendors and agencies will have displays highlighting their agricultural products and door prizes will be given away. The registration fee for the conference is \$10.00 per person which includes an evening meal. If you are unable to

attend at the start of the program you should feel free to join at any time during the conference.

Reservations should be made before January 28th by calling the Crawford County SWCD office at 1-800-364-8732 Ext. 3 or 573-364-6202 Ext. 3. After the 28th, call to see if there is still room.



You Are Cordially Invited...

Please join us for the 35th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District on March 26th at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the Visitation Knights of Columbus Hall, Highway 63 and 6th Street in Vienna. The evening will include a presentation by Ed Brown and the awarding of the prizes for the district's Photo, Poster and Essay Contests.

We hope you plan on joining us!!!

RSVPs are required by March 15th. See back page for return form or call 573-422-3342.

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UPCOMING DATES:

February 11—Office Closed - Join us at the Forage & Beef Conference @ KC Hall, Cuba

February 15—Prescribed Burn Workshop @ Linn Fire Station 1

February 18—Office Closed for President's Day

February 28—Mid-MO Grazing Conference @ Capitol Plaza, Jefferson City

March 1—Deadline for Photo, Essay & Poster Contests

March 15—Deadline to RSVP for Annual Meeting

March 26—Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting @ KC Hall, Vienna

District Poster & Essay Contests Ends March 1st

When January rolls around it's time for students to begin working on their annual poster and essay entries. The contests are sponsored by the Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's theme is **"Where Does Your Water Shed?"**. Posters and essays should highlight why it is important to understand that the amount of fresh water on earth is all we have. It is important to understand where the fresh water goes after a rain, after you empty the bathtub or use it to water plants.

Posters can be entered by any student enrolled in the 3rd through 6th grades of any Maries County school or home-schooled in Maries County. Posters should be on poster board measuring 14" x 22". Only one individual may work on a poster. The name of the student, address, school, grade and age must be listed on the back of

the poster. Students are not required to be in an art class to enter a poster.

From each grade, three posters will be chosen to win cash awards. Grade level prizes will be: 1st place - \$15, 2nd place - \$10 and 3rd place - \$5. From these winners one entry will be declared the grade prize county winner and receive an additional cash award of \$50. The first place poster from each grade will be sent to state competition. All grade winners will be notified and invited to the District's Annual Meeting in March to receive their award.

The district's essay contest is open to any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 7th through 12th grades of any Maries County School. Essays should be 400 to 500 words in length. It should be double spaced typed or legibly handwritten. Sources of information must be listed. A



separate information sheet with the student's name, address, grade, name of school and teacher's name should be stapled to the back of the essay. A student may also enter their essay directly to the district office. Only one essay per student.

The entries will be judged in three groups: 7th & 8th; 9th & 10th; and 11th & 12th. Awards will be given to the top three essays in each group. 1st prize will be \$50. 2nd prize will be \$25. 3rd prize will be \$15.

The posters and essays are due in the Soil & Water office by the close of business on March 1st. The office is located at 105 Parkway in Vienna.

It's Photo Contest Time

Now is the time to select five of your favorite photos you've taken in Maries County and enter them in this year's contest. They should be entered in the appropriate category according to age division.

The contest is divided into two Divisions: Youth (up to and including high school seniors) and Adult (residing or owning land in Maries County). They will be judged in only one Category: Wildlife; Trees or Plants; or Landscapes.

Entries should follow these guidelines when entering:

- ➡ Each participant may enter up to, but no more than, five photographs. Photos will not be returned.
- ➡ Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable. Photos must be no larger than 8x10 and they are not to be framed and/or matted.
- ➡ The following information must be attached to the back of each photo. Include: **A. Photographer's name, address and phone number; B. Division and Category entered; C. Title of photograph; D. Subject Names** (if people are in photo); **E. Location; F. Year photo was taken.**

All entries become the property of the Maries County SWCD. Entrants should keep extra prints of their photographs. Previous entries will not be judged for the 2013 contest.

Judges will select one winner in each of the three categories in each division. County winners will receive \$25 and a framed print of their winning photo from the district. Honorable mentions will receive certificates.

All entries must be postmarked or to the office by March 1st.

Prescribed Burn Workshop For Landowners

**Linn Fire Protection District Station 1
210 West Main, Linn, MO
Friday February 15, 2013**

9 AM to 3 PM

**Learn proper methods and techniques
used for implementing control burns,
how to use burn equipment and availability
and developing burn plans.**

Demonstration Burn—Weather Permitting

**Brown bag lunch provided for registered
participants.**

Register by February 13th to:

**Seth Barrioz 573-897-3797 Ext. 116 or
Kyle Lairmore 573-437-3478 Ext. 112**




Forage & Beef Conference

Monday, February 11, 2013

Knights of Columbus Hall, Cuba, Missouri

I-44 East, Take Highway UU Exit

- 12:30 Registration
- 1:00 “Pasture Renovation” - Rob Kallenbach, State Forage Specialist
- 1:45 “Weed Management Considerations for Pastures and Hay Fields in Missouri”
Kevin Bradley, State Weed Science Specialist
- 2:30 BREAK
- 3:00 “Grazing Management 101”- Mark Kennedy, State Grassland Conservationist
- 3:45 “Pasture Fertility” - Will McClain, Agronomy Specialist
- 4:30 BREAK
- 5:00 Producer Panel - “Drought Adjustments in 2012”
James Koepke—Gasconade County
Mike Bottom/Mike Hewkin—Crawford County
Tom Kloeppel—Maries County
- 6:00 “Quality Beef by the Numbers” - Mike Kasten
- 6:30 Dinner



Only \$10 per
person - payable at
the door (includes
dinner)

RSVP by January 28, 2013 to the Crawford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732 Extension 3 or 573-364-6202 Extension 3. If this mailing is late, make sure to still call in case there is room.

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2013 Grazing Schools

If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of our grazing schools, one of these dates may work for you. Attendance is a requirement to receive cost-share assistance to install or improve a rotational grazing system. Contact the Maries County Soil & Water office at 573-422-3342 if you are interested in receiving more information and getting on the list to attend.

April 18 & 19—Rolla
Sept. 26 & 27—Wurdack

May 16 & 17—Osage County
June 13 & 14—Advanced School @ Wurdack

Employee and Board Member News

Amy Neier Receives Award For Exemplary Technical Assistance

At the January SWCD board meeting, Melinda Barch presented Amy Neier, District Technician with a Certificate of Appreciation for providing exemplary technical assistance to customers in Maries County during Fiscal Year 2012. *Congratulations Amy!*



Ed Brown Joins The SWCD Board



Ed Brown, Ph.D. is an Extension Regional Agronomy Specialist for a five county area including Maries county. Ed is a native of central Arkansas and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville and a Ph.D. in Agronomy from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He grew up on a diversified farm near Conway, AR which included both row crop and livestock production and was very active in both F.F.A. and 4-H. Ed is headquartered in Miller county and has been employed by MU Extension for approximately 15 months. *Welcome to the board Ed!*

Melinda Barch Receives the MFGC/GLCI Grasslander Award

Melinda Barch, District Conservationist was presented the Missouri Forage and Grassland Award in the agency category at the Missouri Forage and Grassland Council/Grazing Lands Conservation



Initiative Annual Conference on November 5, 2012. Melinda was nominated for this award by James and Dorathea Koepke. Melinda has been active in promoting grassland management in Missouri for 27 years through her work with NRCS working with the Missouri Grazing School Program and the Grassland Evaluation Contest in the District, State and Mid-America regions. She serves as a Regional Grazing School Coordinator, helping organize and instructing at 4 grazing schools per year. She also helps organize field days and workshops on management of pastures for livestock and wildlife. *Congratulations Melinda!!!*



Congratulations Amy and Cory Neier on the addition to their family, Claire Frances !!!



Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference

Thursday, February 28, 2013

Capitol Plaza Hotel, 415 W. McCarty, Jefferson City, Missouri

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Teddy Gentry of the legendary county music band Alabama & Bent Tree Farms

“My Experiences in the Beef Cattle Industry: Grazing Systems, Breeding Systems and Composite Breed Development”

Central Missouri Producer Panel

“How We Managed Our Grazing Systems During the 2012 Drought and What We’ll Change For 2013”

8:00 AM—Registration and Trade Show

9:00 AM—Morning break-out sessions begin

12:30 PM—Lunch and Keynote Speakers

3:30 PM—Adjourn

To see the complete list of sessions and more details:
<http://extension.missouri.edu/grazingconf/home.aspx>

Breaks and Trade Show time scheduled throughout the day

Advanced Registration due by February 22, 2013: \$50 individual, \$85 couples or \$25 student

Includes: Meal, refreshments and proceedings

For More Information: Ed Gillmore or Peggy Lemons at 573-893-5188 Ext. 3 or Maries County SWCD at 422-3342

FSA eAlerts

The Farm Service Agency introduces FSA eAlerts—a new way to receive FSA program reminders via e-mail or text. Due to the budget and enhancements in technology, the method of providing program information to farmers and ranchers is moving away from the conventional mailings and will rely heavily on E-MAIL and cell phone texting messaging. To help them keep you informed please complete the following survey and return it to: FSA, USDA Service Center, 1315 East Main Linn MO 65051. You can sign up for eAlerts at the Osage County Office and choose whether you would like to receive information via e-mail, text or both. If you elect to receive information by text, remember standard text messaging rates apply. Consult with your cellular carrier to discuss your text plan details. You can opt out of receiving FSA eAlerts at any time. You will still receive your FSA newsletter, but Missouri FSA will discontinue sending postcard reminders for upcoming sign ups and deadlines. FSA eAlerts are provided as an additional service to Missouri FSA producers. Always refer to your county office newsletter for program information and bookmark www.fsa.usda.gov/mo to check back frequently for program deadlines and information.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(To Verify Update)

HOME PHONE _____

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(This may be a friend or family member whom would be willing to pass along the information to you.)

SIGNATURE _____

Reservation Due For Annual Meeting By March 15th

Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Visitation Knights of Columbus Hall, Vienna

6:00 PM

NAME

Respond by March 15th

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